

HOPE TO SOLVE SHANTUNG CONTROVERSY THIS WEEK

Delegates Believe Other Questions Well on Way to Solution.

LEADS AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS

Advices From Tokyo and Peking Are Expected Hourly, Which Might Help Materially to Clear Up the Situation.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—If the Shantung controversy makes the progress hoped for by conference leaders during the next two or three days, the end of the coming week may see all of the issues raised in the Washington negotiations well on the way toward solution.

Confidence that the Shantung problem is nearing a settlement was apparent in most quarters tonight, delegates feeling that with the other Far Eastern questions in abeyance, the separate exchanges between the Chinese and Japanese over the former German leasehold would be pressed forward rapidly. Neither of the two groups directly interested was prepared to say that an agreement was in sight, but they evidenced a hope that fresh instructions from Tokyo and Peking, expected hourly, might help materially to clear up the situation.

Delegates Well Informed.
As soon as Shantung is out of the way, and perhaps, sooner, the conference Far Eastern committee will resume its consideration of other problems of the Orient, with all the delegates in a position to present their views on the subject. The negotiations here will not be excessively prolonged. On most of the remaining issues, the delegations already have informed themselves thoroughly regarding the views of other groups and the prospect for an agreement.

Complete Naval Plans.
The naval negotiations also appear to be as good as completed. The treaty text agreed to by the "big five" being regarded as virtually certain to meet the approval, successively of the full naval committee and of the conference itself, sitting in plenary session. Both of these meetings probably will be held during the coming week, leaders planning to set the conference machinery in motion for final approval of the treaty as soon as Tokyo sends formal approval of the article dealing with Pacific fortifications.

Settlement of the Shantung question still rests largely in the hands of Arthur J. Balfour and Secretary Hughes, in the opinion of Chinese spokesmen.
Both the Chinese and Japanese delegations tonight were waiting instructions from their governments as to the attitude they must take on the Hughes-Balfour compromise suggestions designed to afford a basis for agreement on both of the phrases of the problem, which up to now have seemed insoluble. These phrases touch upon the method of payment for the Tsiniautai-Tsinanfu railroad and the nationality of the men who will hold the positions of traffic managers and chief accountant of the railroad after its transfer.

5 LOST IN AIRPLANE; MISSING 52 HOURS

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Komey, Ala., and Clinton Leopold of Nazareth, Pa., passengers, and Pilot Culbertson and Mechanician Smith.

Only 46 Miles Away.

Birmingham, in the British Bahamas, lies forty miles due east of Miami. Regular trips requiring only an hour's flight are made from here. The plane, a naval HS-2 type, was chartered by the three men and sailed at 5:30 Friday afternoon. It was scheduled to return at 10:30 Saturday morning. As there is no cable or other means of communication from Bimini, the fate of the plane was not known until another airplane arrived at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the island with the word that the New York had never reached its destination.

Two flying boats and a converted naval submarine chaser put off immediately in search of the missing flying boat, but up to late this evening no trace was found.

Speed boats from here and planes from Palm Beach and Key West also took part in the search today.

A message received here tonight from Senator Underwood stated that the Navy Department had sent orders to the Key West Naval Station to dispatch available destroyers or subchasers to join in the search.

The boats that returned tonight brought word that high winds were making the sea so rough that it was hardly possible for a plane of the New York type to ride safely on the water if it had been forced down disabled. Life preservers and food enough to last for about four days, if used sparingly, were aboard the plane.

POLICE ARE READY TO PUT DOWN DISORDER

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many citizens of Richmond yesterday and last night recalled the great street car strike of more than eighteen years ago, when, in August, 1913, the lines were completely paralyzed for days before the company put on strikebreakers to handle all lines.

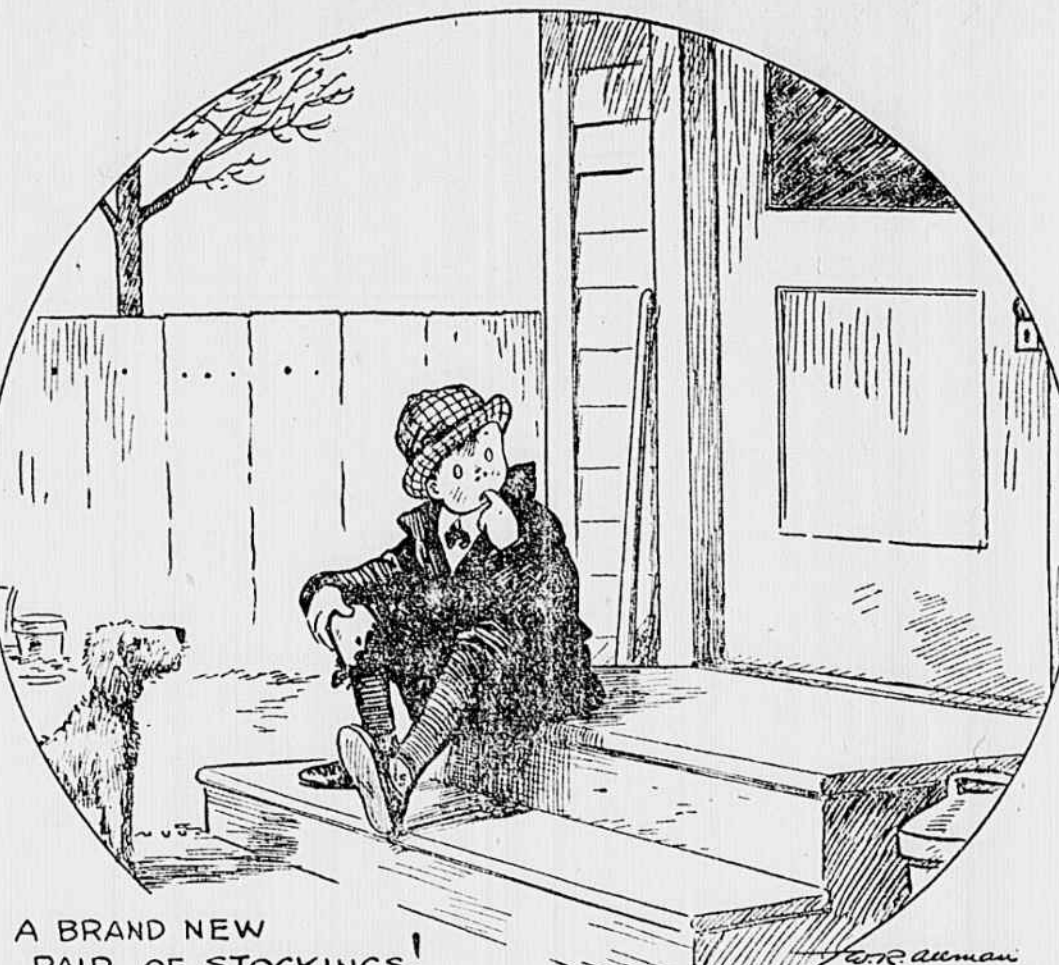
Governor Orders Out Militia.

Because of disorders in the city and county, the Governor at that time ordered out the State militia as strike guards, and several companies of soldiers in uniform rode on cars through the streets for nearly three weeks, until new men had been trained as motormen and conductors and the strike eventually died out, the striking men losing their fight.

Colonel William M. Myers at that time was captain of the Richmond firemen and saw duty with the firemen's command at the car barns. Colonel George Wayne Anderson, now City Attorney, was then colonel of the First Virginia Regiment, and was in command of the infantry forces during the strike.

Guards armed with shotguns, fired into a crowd at Main and Vine Streets one night during the strike and wounded several people. During a demonstration in the East End a hose company was called out and dispersed a crowd by turning streams of water on it. A number of cars were stoned by sympathizers.

The Great American Home



A BRAND NEW PAIR OF STOCKINGS!

1,010 V. R. & P. EMPLOYEES QUIT THEIR JOBS IN PROTEST

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this car is specifically understood by the giver and receiver to be a donation to a sustaining fund for the street car men's union.

Distribution of the cards is in charge of the labor leaders and each has been numbered in order that a check may be kept on the work of the men and a rough investigation of complaints made should this be needed. Sentiment among the men last night was declared to be encouraging, and representatives of the union stated they are confident every driver will do his best. Only experienced drivers will be placed in charge of the cars.

914 Men Favor Strike.
Official announcement of the strike was made yesterday afternoon by Raymond G. Tiller after the ballots in the strike had been counted. Saturday afternoon labor leaders here declared that the men had voted overwhelmingly for the strike and that the count of the ballots would favor the strike, while ninety-six voted negatively. He declared that the ninety-six men were supporters of the union and that he was confident they would stand by the vote of the majority.

SEEK CROP INSURANCE TO STABILIZE PRICES

Will Suggest Method of National Agricultural Conference in Washington.

TO HOLD MEETING JANUARY 23

Discussions Within Parley Will Be Expected to Develop Ways and Means for Aiding Farmers in Marketing Their Products.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Insurance of crops as a method of stabilizing prices of farm products is expected to be one of the main suggestions put forward at the national agricultural conference, which opens here January 23, for inclusion in a permanent national farm legislation. Discussion within the conference would be expected to develop whether the proposals would recommend that the insurance be carried by the federal government, by private companies or through government aid.

Some Forms Tried.
Hail insurance has already been tried by tobacco growers, and storm insurance is in force in some sections of the West, but experts expect that the suggestion will be presented for the first time for an insurance against all crop risks.

Crop insurance has been tested to a certain extent, it was declared, both by national farmers' companies and by private insurance companies, and agricultural experts declare it has proved successful.

Data Has Been Shy.

Balancing supply and consumption is another important topic which the conference leaders expect will come up. The relation of the supply of crops and foodstuffs to markets has long been studied, and suggestions which are likely to come from conference delegates, it was said, will range from acreage limitation to a more careful study of world production and consumption. Along with these would be crop surveys in America which would enable the producers, in the opinion of agricultural leaders in advance of the conference, to gauge the consumption demand.

The importance of developing statistical information was pointed out by experts in discussing this subject. They said that for a number of years figures on production have been fairly complete, but similar data on consumption has been shy.

Valuation, or price fixing, was said to be on the minds of several delegates. Bills on this subject now before Congress and suggestions from the outside have come for minimum price guarantees for certain staple commodities as wheat, corn, cotton and the like.

Bolivia Protests Concessions.

SANTIAGO, Jan. 15.—Concessions granted by the Chilean government to Bolivia in the waters of the Maure River, an international stream, for irrigation purposes in Northern Chile, has led to a protest from Bolivia. After diplomatic negotiations, the two governments agreed to submit the question to arbitration.

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The instructions sent out by Tiller, who is president of the carmen's union here, were brief, but to the point. He ordered the men to leave their cars at the stroke of midnight until further notice.

Operators of "owl cars" received similar instructions, as did all employees in the barns and shops.

Employees of the power-house and watchmen were instructed to remain at their posts until further notice. Tiller's instructions to the watchmen were that they pay particular attention to the safety of the company's property. He cautioned the men not to leave the cars in the streets. Seventy-five of the union men will be stationed at the reservoir to render assistance should the occasion arise. Twenty-five will be sent to South Richmond. This action was voluntary on the part of the men.

Present car strike is the first in Richmond since 1923, when it became necessary to call out the State militia. Union leaders have warned against any violence and announced last night that no rough tactics were looked for from the strikers.

BENGAL NATIVES REFUSE TO PAY TAXES ON LAND

Civil Disobedience Has Caused Much Rioting, Reports Say.

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the London Times from Calcutta, dated last Thursday, says civil disobedience, in the form of nonpayment of taxes, already has commenced in some parts of Bengal, where it has been the cause of rioting. If the movement for the nonpayment of rent becomes extensive the government's land revenue bill will be seriously affected.

owing to the permanent settlement of the country, the dispatch adds, disobedience of this type is more difficult to cope with in Bengal than in other parts of India, where rigorous legislation provides an effective safeguard. For some time the Bengal farmers have been hard pressed, owing to the failure of crops and trade depression. Consequently, they are ready listeners to the non-cooperators, who are promising ultimate freedom from the payment of taxation. A movement to start an antitax disobedience association is receiving support from all parts of India.

Additional reports from Madras tend to minimize the extent of the disorders there and to emphasize the cordiality with which the Prince of Wales was received by the population. The dispatches note that in addition to the holiday declared by the non-cooperators Friday was the usual official holiday, and also the first holiday of the two great harvest festivals known as the pongal, as a result of which the entire population apparently was out in the streets.

"The only thing they forgot," says a dispatch to the London Times from Madras, dated Friday, "was the box-cott." They streamed out in tens of thousands to line the whole route of the procession.

The result was perhaps the most complete demonstration of the real lack of power of the sedition mongers, when properly opposed, which has yet been seen.

A Reuters dispatch from Madras, also dated Friday, says there were some desultory disturbances in the Muthialpet quarter, but that nothing serious happened.

MARSHAL FOCH WILL PART WITH HIS PETS

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PARIS, Jan. 15.—Having no household accommodations for either a wildcat or a pig, however strong his sentimental attachment for these gifts of the American soldiers, Marshal Foch has about reached the point of parting with them and presenting them to the Jardin Des Plantes, the Paris zoo. His American friends apparently gave no thought to the time when the wildcat should grow wilder and the pig yet more porcine, but the marshal himself seems to have been pondering these natural developments quite seriously since receiving the gifts.

AGRICULTURAL BLOC REACHES AGREEMENT

Seek President's Aid to Farm-er Representative on Federal Reserve Board.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Agreement has been reached by leaders of the Senate agricultural bloc on two substitutes designed to remove objections by President Harding to legislation proposing a farmer representative on the Federal Reserve Board. These are expected to be presented to the White House so that the President may indicate his preference, which they hope will become the accepted solution of the Senators supporting the legislation.

The first of the two suggestions, said to have been adopted after a series of informal conferences yesterday and today between bloc leaders, was that the proposed statute be changed to give membership on the board to representatives of the several phases of national industrial and commercial efforts; the second would wipe out any specific designation as to the make-up of the board, which now must include two members of banking experience, and leave the representation to the authority holding the appointing power.

There did not seem to have been a definite understanding among the bloc leaders as to whether they would press their original demand that the board membership be increased by one to take care of the farmer member. This plan was contained in the original Kellogg bill, but the Smith amendment altered it somewhat and specified that the farmer member should be selected to fill the first vacancy.

Further conferences of the propositions appeared likely tomorrow in order to get as nearly as a rock bottom basis as possible before the Senate convenes, at which time the proposed legislation is slated to be taken up under the unanimous consent agreement entered into prior to the Christmas recess. No formal draft of either of the alternative propositions has been made. It was said tonight, but the leaders declared they had their views so well in mind that they could put their ideas in legislative shape at a moment's notice if needed. One Senator said there would be a short session tomorrow, but he would not indicate whether those in charge of the measures expected to discuss the subject with Mr. Harding before that time.

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RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 15.—A runaway airplane, starting from the ice, crashed into a crowd of several hundred skaters on the Shrewsbury River today, killed Mrs. Anna C. E. Houshan, severed the right arm of her brother, Lawrence Conly, of Middletown, and slightly injured many others.

Thousands of persons, gathered along the river bank to witness ice boat and skating races, saw the accident.

The airplane, piloted by James Casey, of Shrewsbury, former army aviator, maneuvered over the heads of the skater for several hours, then descended to the ice. The crowd gathered around the machine, and rivermen, fearing that the ice would give way, suggested that Casey leave.

He ascended turned the propeller and jumped for the cockpit. The machine swerved and started toward the crowd. Mrs. Houshan, with her husband, brother and two children, stood in its path. Conly attempted to drag her to safety, but both were caught in the propeller blades.

Mrs. Houshan was killed instantly. Conly's arm was severed at the shoulder and his clothing torn to shreds. Other persons were struck by the wings and sent sprawling on the ice, but their injuries were superficial.

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STRIVE TO STABILIZE ECONOMIC SITUATION

Harding and Hoover Seek Means Effectively to Participate in Genoa Parley.

WANT LABORERS PACIFIED

President Places Upon Commerce Secretary's Shoulders Task of Straightening Out Threatened Strike of Miners and Rail Workers.

By Robert J. Bender.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—President Harding and Secretary Hoover are making a tremendous effort to stabilize the American economic situation the better to effectively participate in the forthcoming world economic conference at Genoa.

The President would like to see Hoover at the head of the American delegation sent to Genoa. It is not surprising, therefore, that he has placed upon the shoulders of his Secretary of Commerce the difficult task of straightening out the two most dangerous threats against American economic order that have arisen for many months—a shut-down of coal mines and a shut-down of 1,500,000 railroad workers.

Efforts Have Failed.
On March 1 the present miners' national agreement with the operators terminates. On April 1 the railroad executives plan to put into effect new wage reductions, which threaten a great rail strike. So far efforts to bring the miners and operators together for a conference have failed. At the same time attempts to effect an understanding between rail executives and heads of the big brotherhoods have proved unavailing, but are going on with

Secretary Hoover actively offering "good offices" to each side. It will be seen that the next few weeks will be critical ones in the task Harding and Hoover have set out to perform, namely, to lift from the economic horizon the two great obstacles retarding business development and causing pessimism over the business world.

Must Avert Strikes.

Hoover has felt for weeks that the two strike threats must be lifted if business is to get the reassurance it so vitally needs at this time. The unemployment situation, despite temporary actions to reduce it, has actually diminished but little since the industrial conference was called. A strike involving hundreds of thousands of men would be little short of an economic tragedy at this time when Europe contemplates its first fundamentally sound step, according to authorities here, toward settling her own house in such order as to

Asserts "Girls of Dixie" Smoke Few Cigarettes

[By Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 15.—The modern girl is not quite as much of a "dapper" in the South as she is in other sections of the country, Dr. Valeria H. Parker, of Washington, connected with the United States Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board, said today in addressing a session of New Orleans Public Health Institute.

Dr. Parker stated she based her opinion of the Southern girl upon statistics collected by representatives of her department. She asserted that of 15,000 cases of girl delinquents investigated by the department recently, the Southern girl made the best showing. "Girls of Dixie wear longer skirts, drink less liquor, smoke fewer cigarettes and hold fewer petting parties," Dr. Parker said.

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MRS. RYAN LOSES GROUND IN HOSPITAL

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Thomas S. Ryan, wife of a member of the Paris staff of the Chicago Tribune, who is in a hospital at Neuilly ill from the effects of poison she is alleged to have taken, lost ground today. She has grown considerably weaker and it was impossible to confront her with her husband. It was said by the physicians at the hospital that it was not likely the investigating magistrate would be able to interrogate the woman again.

Mr. Ryan, who is being held by the police in connection with the case, expressed the belief today that he would soon be admitted to bail.

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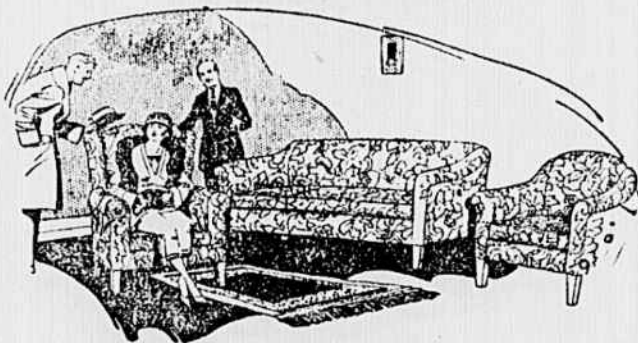
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